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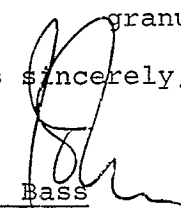
Thank you for your letter of 6th September 1989. We have now had a report from our Venezuelan Associates, which was greatly delayed in the mail and may even have come by sea.

Apart from reporting the filing of various formal papers, including a Spanish translation of the inventorship declaration/assignment, they have sent us a copy of the amended claims to deal with the objections on which we were previously corresponding.

Our Associates appear to have decided that it is impossible to maintain claim 1 in its present form, and original claim 14 has been rewritten as a main claim along the lines that I suggested, which may be translated into English as follows:

- "1. A method of making a thermally releasable material containing tobacco, for use in a smoking article, characterised by:
mixing from 15 to 95 wt.% of tobacco particles which have a particle size of up to 20 mesh, from 0 to 50 wt.% particles of filler material which have a particle size up to 100 mesh and from 5 to 33 wt.% of aerosol precursor;
and transforming the mixture into granules."

Yours sincerely,


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